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**Lawnie H. TAYLOR**

Serial No.: **10/612,016**

Filed: **July 3, 2003**

For: **METHODS AND EQUIPMENT FOR  
REMOVING STAINS FROM FABRICS**

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) Group Art Unit: 1751

) Examiner: Charles I. Boyer

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On October 29, 2004, Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified application, and has not yet received a copy of the initialed PTO-1449 form which was submitted. A copy of these papers are attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return the initialed PTO-1449 in order that Applicant may verify that the references cited thereon have been considered and made of Record.

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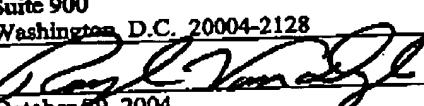
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing of this application or entry into the national stage of this application, or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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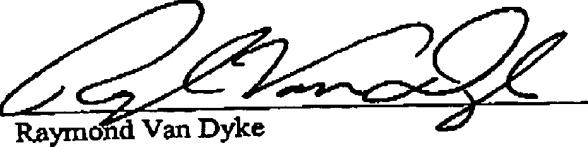
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